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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-450-A) TECH CENTER 1600/2900

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al. )  
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Serial No.: 09/724,000 )  
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Filed: November 28, 2000 )  
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For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1 )  
Molecules and Uses Thereof )

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings

Group Art Unit: 1642

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 23, 2002

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed April 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 40-42 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

9. (Twice Amended) A polypeptide having the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO. 5 produced by a process comprising:

- (a) culturing a host cell containing a vector comprising a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence
- (i) as set forth in SEQ ID NO. 4;
  - (ii) of the DNA insert in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1775, wherein the DNA insert encodes the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5; or

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